

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, OPERATING AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WOOD HEIGHTS, MO. AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WOOD HEIGHTS, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All vehicles not in motion shall be placed with their right side as near the right-hand side of the street as practicable.

Section 2. Upon all streets of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the street, except as follows:

(A) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;

(B) When placing a vehicle in position for and when such vehicle is lawfully making a left turn;

(C) When the right half of the street is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.

Section 3. The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to the limitations hereinafter stated;

(A) An operator or driver overtaking and desiring to pass a vehicle shall sound horn before starting to pass;

(B) The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the street until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle;

(C) The driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Section 4. No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center line of a street in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction of any vehicle overtaken.

Section 5. No person shall at any time drive his or her vehicle on the left side of the street under the following conditions:

(A) When approaching the crest of a hill or upon a curve of a street where the driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction;

(B) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within one hundred (100) feet of any bridge, viaduct, tunnel or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of or at any intersection.

Section 6. Every person operating a motor vehicle upon the streets of the Village of Wood Heights, Mo. shall come to a complete stop at all stop signs and remain stopped until it is safe to proceed.

Section 7. The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a street from a alley, private driveway, or street shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on said street.

Section 8. The driver of a vehicle intending to make a left turn into an alley, private driveway, or street shall yield the right of way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction when making such left turn would create a traffic hazard.

Section 9. Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle giving audible signal by siren or while having at least one lighted lamp exhibiting a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as far as possible to the right of the travelled portion of the street and thereupon stop and remain in such position until such emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by any peace officer.

Section 10. An emergency vehicle is any vehicle publicly owned and operated as an ambulance, or a vehicle publicly owned and operated by the state highway patrol, police or fire department, sheriff, marshall or deputy marshall, deputy sheriff, traffic officer or coroner. The driver of any vehicle referred to in this section shall not sound siren thereon or have the front red lights on except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected law violator, or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire.

Section 11. The exceptions granted to the driver of an emergency vehicle are as follows:

- (A) Park or stand irrespective to this ordinance;
- (B) Proceed past a red signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
- (C) Exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as he does not endanger life or property;
- (D) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions;
- (E) The exceptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with lights as stated in section 9 of this ordinance.

Section 12. The word VEHICLE whenever used in this ordinance shall mean any self-propelled device operated upon streets, except those used exclusively on rails or tracks.

Section 13. The word STREETS whenever used in this ordinance shall mean any public road or thoroughfare for vehicles, including state roads, county roads and public streets, avenues, boulevards, parkways or alleys.

Section 14. The driver of a vehicle upon a street, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction, any school bus which has stopped on the street for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children and whose driver has in the manner prescribed by law given the signal to stop, shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or signaled by its driver to proceed.

Section 15. As used in this ordinance, unless the context requires another or different construction, the following definitions shall apply:

(A) APPROVED means approved by the director of revenue of Missouri and when applied to lamps and other illuminating devices means that such lamps and devices must be in good working order;

(B) AUXILIARY LAMP means an additional lighting device on a motor vehicle used primarily to supplement the head lamps in providing general illumination ahead of vehicle;

(C) HEAD LAMP means a major lighting device capable of providing general illumination ahead of vehicle;

(D) MOUNTING HEIGHT means the distance from the center of the lamp to the surface on which the vehicle stands;

(E) MULTIPLE-BEAM HEAD LAMPS means head lamps or similar devices arranged so as to permit the driver of the vehicle to use one of two or more distributions of light on the street;

(F) REFLECTOR means an approved device designed and used to give an indication of reflected light;

(G) SINGLE BEAM HEAD LAMPS means head lamps or similar devices arranged so as to permit the driver of the vehicle to use but one distribution of light on the road;

(H) WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS ARE REQUIRED means at any time from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise and at any other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the street at a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead of said vehicle.

Section 16. No person shall drive, move, park or be in custody of any vehicle or combination of vehicles on any street during the times when lighted lamps are required unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles displays lighted lamps and illumination devices as this ordinance requires.

Section 17. Except as in this ordinance provided, every vehicle other than a motor-drawn vehicle and other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least two approved head lamps, mounted at the same level, with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle. Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two approved head lamps.

Section 18. Every motor vehicle and every motor-drawn vehicle shall be equipped with at least one rear lamp which when lighted will exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear of such vehicle. Either such rear lamp or separate lamp shall be so constructed and placed as to illuminate, with a white light, the rear registration marker and render it clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet to the rear of said vehicle.

Section 19. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a backup lamp either separately or in combination with another lamp; except that no such backup lamp shall be continuously lighted when the motor vehicle is in forward motion.

Section 20. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed one spot lamp but every lighted spot lamp shall be so aimed and used so as not to be dazzling or glaring to any person.

Section 21. Muffler cutouts shall not be used and no vehicle shall be driven in such a manner or condition that excessive and unnecessary noises shall be made by its machinery, motor, signaling device, or other parts, or by any improperly loaded cargo. The motors of all vehicles shall be fitted with properly attached mufflers of such capacity or construction as to quiet the maximum possible exhaust noise as completely as is done in modern gas engine passenger vehicles.

Section 22. No motor vehicle shall be operated in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour upon the streets of the Village of Wood Heights, Mo. with the exception of County Route 0 and Missouri State Highway 10 where no motor vehicle shall exceed the speed of forty five (45) miles per hour. The limits on speed set by this section do not apply to the operation of emergency vehicles as defined in section 10 of this ordinance.

Section 23. No person shall cause or knowingly permit his or her child or ward under the age of sixteen (16) years to drive a motor vehicle upon any street when such minor is not authorized by this ordinance.

Section 24. Every person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one (1) dollar nor more than five hundred (500) dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not less than one (1) day nor more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 25. This ordinance to take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DULY SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 1977.

Paul B. Burt
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WOOD HEIGHTS,
MISSOURI

ATTEST:

Paul B. Burt
VILLAGE CLERK